

# STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of January 9, 2007  
Department of Human Services  
Salt Lake City, Utah

## Attended:

### Board Members:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair  
Paula Bell, Vice-Chair  
Darryl Wagner  
Joleen Meredith  
Nora B Stephens

### Excused:

Lou Callister  
Dr. James Ashworth

### Staff:

Mark Payne  
Brent Kelsey  
Ron Stromberg  
Victoria Delheimer  
Susannah Burt

Brenda Ahlemann  
Thom Dunford  
Dallas Earnshaw  
Jan Fryer

### Guests:

Jack Tanner  
Lisa Rosetta

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Crookston opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made.	
Approval of November 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes		Paula moved that the November 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be approved as corrected. Motion seconded by Nora B and approved unanimously.
Introduction of New Division Staff	Mark Payne introduced two new Division staff members. Susannah Burt has been hired as a Program Manager to oversee the Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG). Lynette Willie has been hired as the Division's Public Information Officer.	FYI.
Division's 2006 Annual Report	A copy of the Division's 2006 Annual Report on Public Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services in Utah was provided to the Board. Mark reported that this year's report provides specific information and data that reflects what is happening in the local areas and the state as a whole. Mark briefly reviewed the contents of the report and encouraged the Board to review the report more thoroughly. The report was widely distributed and is also available on the Division's website at <a href="http://www.dsamh@utah.gov">www.dsamh@utah.gov</a> .	FYI.
2007 Legislature Update	<p>Mark distributed and discussed the Human Services portion of the Governor's budget. Tracy reviewed the substance abuse and mental health building block requests recommended in the Governor's budget. It was reported that all substance abuse and mental health building block requests that were submitted are included in the Governor's budget with some reduction in the initial amounts requested. However, there are numerous issues that need to be resolved, and the final outcome of the Human Services budget will be forthcoming. Mark reported that budget hearings for Human Services will begin on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and a day will also be scheduled for public testimony.</p> <p>Brent reported on the proposed LSAC (Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor) Legislation. He reported that the Utah Association of Utah Substance Abuse Professionals approached the Department and the Division to address possible changes in the licensure regulations. Mark noted that negotiations with any concerns have been resolved and compromises have been made. He indicated that the agreement and support of the language changes would increase the integrity of the licensure and the professionalism.</p>	

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2007 Legislature Update (continued)	<p>Brent updated the Board on the EASY (Eliminate Alcohol Sales to Youth) legislation that passed last year. The bill created one-time funding for a media campaign and created the compliance check program administered by the Division, along with Highway Safety and the Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control. Changes to the bill are being made to assure that the language clarifies that all entities are subject to compliance checks. A request is also being made to make the one-time appropriation for the under-age drinking campaign ongoing.</p> <p>Ron Stromberg provide an update on the Veteran's Counseling Bill which was passed last legislative session and provided \$210,000 one-time monies to provide counseling for veterans and their families, specifically those veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He reported that committee meetings were held to determine the best way to utilize the funding and money has been allocated and activities are in place.</p> <p>Ron also updated the Board on the suicide prevention bill that is being proposed for the 2007 Legislative Session by Representative Harper. The bill, if passed, would create a Legislative Task Force to develop a statewide suicide prevention plan. Ron also updated the Board on the Suicide Prevention Council funded this past year by the Division through an RFP to develop a state suicide prevention plan. He indicated that the Council has been meeting and has developed a plan and voted at their last meeting to continue meeting independently to further complete and enhance the plan with the intent to have it completed within the month.</p>	An update on the budget and legislation will be provided at the next Board meeting
USH Report on Nursing Turnovers/Other	Dallas reported that the Board requested information on outcome measures and staffing turnovers at the State Hospital. He distributed a written Outcome and Staffing Report and reviewed its contents with the Board. An opportunity was provided for the Board to discuss the information and to ask questions. The Board expressed their appreciation to Dallas for providing them with this information. Dallas also reported on the Hospital's Master Plan and recent meetings held with DCFM to address the next phases of the plan.	FYI.
UBHN Report	<p>Jack Tanner distributed a written report to the Board and reviewed the items on the report with the Board. The first item related to a proposal that has been discussed in recent Legislative Medicaid Committee meetings to consolidate the two Medicaid Eligibility systems operating in the Department of Health and the Department of Workforce Services. The consolidation would put all eligibility workers in the Department of Workforce Services beginning July 2007. Jack noted that UBHN, along with other groups, is in opposition to this consolidation because of the impact it would have on clients in trying to get Medicaid coverage with access to community based care and long-term stability. Jack provided additional details on this proposal and indicated that the Committee has put a hold on the proposal until they receive input from the Governor's Office.</p> <p>Jack reported on the Legislative Medicaid Committee and indicated that they have met five times during the past year to understand the Medicaid Program and review the enormous amount of data that has been provided to them about Medicaid. He indicated that the Committee will continue meeting this year and reviewed some of the decisions made by the Committee.</p>	

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UBHN Report (continued)	<p>Jack reported that the Network of Care Program was recently presented to a group called VISION 2010, which is convened by the Utah Hospital Association and involves many community and organizational representatives. Jack indicated that in addition to the substance abuse and mental health components for Utah's Network of Care, that there are other possible components being considered that have been developed in other states. Bruce Bronzan, President of Trilogy Integrated Resources who developed the Network of Care will be making a presentation to the Department's Executive Director later this month. There is also a veteran's specific site pilot project for Network of Care where Utah will be asked to be the lead state in this four-state pilot project; other states include California, Ohio and Rhode Island.</p> <p>Jack reported on training recently provided by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) and the Legal Action Center in Denver. He indicated that an attorney from one of the mental health centers attended the training and will be conducting training on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Salt Lake County Government Center. The training will provide information on the rights of people who are in substance abuse treatment regarding federal laws that protect against discrimination in employment, job training, healthcare, education and government services and programs.</p>	
Board Meeting Schedule	The Board meeting tentatively scheduled for Brigham City in March was discussed. It was suggested that the Board reconsider rescheduling some of the presentations initially scheduled for this meeting to other monthly Board meetings. The March 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting would then just include presentations by Bear River Mental Health and Bear River Substance Abuse. There was discussion by the Board.	Joleen moved that the presentation by Davis Behavioral Health be rescheduled to the April 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting and the presentation by Weber Human Services be rescheduled to the May 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion seconded by Darryl and approved unanimously.
Adjournment		Nora B moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Paula and approved unanimously.